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## WILKINS' COLUMN.

By Samwell Wilkins.

If I could take the virtues Of all the girls I know And piece them all together In a pretty little row, This little string of virtues (The failings all left out) Would make a girl to suit me, I haven't any doubt.

But there'd be one little trouble To all this, for, you see, She'd be so like an angel She wouldn't speak to me; She'd see men's imperfections, And they'd annoy her so She'd have to go to Heaven And find an angel beau.

It strikes me sort of funny The way some poets gush, And slop their verses over With barrels full of slush About the perfect maiden, The earthly angel, when If any girl were perfect She wouldn't look at them

The average man is selfish, In that he ne'er expects To reach, himself, the standard He wants in the gentler sex. It sometimes makes me tired To hear his sickly plaint: He wants to be a devil And have his wife a saint.

\* \* \* DON'T GET EXCITED.

(Respectfully dedicated to the brass horn fiend over by the Art Gallery.)

Always keep your temper cool Don't get excited; Always mind the Golden Rule, Don't get excited. All along the path of life Stormy winds are always rife, So amid the noise and strife Don't get excited.

When a paper writes you up. Don't get excited; That is not a bitter cup, Don't get excited. .

When you're vexed by summer's heat Bathe your head and soak your feet, Keep your temper pure and sweet, Don't get excited. \* . \*

THE PAIRY QUEEN. There came a fairy o'er the sea, And wondrous fair and blithe was she, And of most royal pedigree; The Queen of the Sandwich Islands.

This Queen was sure a lovely sight, Her skin was black as starless night, Her bair was wool, and curling tight,-This Queen of the Sandwich Islands.

She called on Cleveland one bright day, And stood around in stately way, And didn't know just what to say,-This Queen of the Sandwich Islands.

And Cleveland stood serenely by: Said he was pleased her form to spy, Which was an awful wicked lie.

To the Queen of the Sandwich Islands. I honor Cleveland, for, you see, If such a fairy called on me. I'd snub her royal pedigree, And bless the Sandwich Islands

There is a good one now on a worthy Professor in Ottawa. de always says, "Books closed," before beginning a recitation, and he always says, "Head down," to his infant progeny before saying grace at the table; so the other day, before asking the blessing, he looked at his hopeful, blushing daughter, aged two, and said, "Books closed."

The Professor is, however, not so absent minded as the other good gentleman, who had been using a telephone all day. He re turned home to tea very tired, and as he bowed his head to invoke the Divine bless ing upon his repast, he said with solemnity, "Hello!" He forgot that the line was down.

Speaking of compliments, reminds me of the one paid me by a Battle Creek compositor. I had been marking "Revise" on his proofs, and he didn't like it. He was drunk that morning, and he leered at me over the edge of a pail of beer, in which his Guaranteed to Last for Years, head was buried, and held forth as follows: "S-sh-shic-shay, Sammy, I-d-dichic-don't believe you're-hic-quite such a bl-ic-blic-blasted fool as you look to be."

MR. WILLIS' WALK.

Prof. Willis, the Ottawa violinist, says he is going to lay a tile walk all around his house. He says he doesn't wish us to say anything about it in the paper, so we won't, but we think it is very enterprising in Mr. Willis to lay a tile walk all around his place. Any stingy man owning a corner lot, in need of a new walk, would only lay it on two sides of his house, but Mr. Willis isn't the man to save a paltry penny in that way. Mr. Willissays that a tile walk will last forever, and that is a little longer than he expects to last; so he will never have to lay another walk. When Mr. Willis gets his fine, elegant new walk laid, perhaps he will allow his friends to come over and promenade with him around his house upon this valuable addition to his property. When last seen, Mr. Willis was going down town. armed with a mop-handle, and upon being questioned as to where he was going, said he had been intending for a long time to go and try spearing fish, but he had just got started.

ORGANS, Ottawa has raised about \$24,000 to get an organ factory to come here. This is enterprising, and yet viewed from one particular standpoint, it seems strange. Haven't we

enough organs already? Here is the FREE TRADER, the oldest and best tuned organ hereabouts, and the only democratic organ publican daily organ, the Times, which plays a pleasing tune. It has just been washed and dressed in new varnish and is in very excellent shape. There is the Republican, another pretty fair sort of an organ, the Globe, ditto, and two very fair German organs that are very popular with our German citizens. Then there is the Cellar Organ, which is terribly out of tune. It plays but one tune, the one to the words "What a sheel of an organ I am !" This is sometimes varied to include something about the "Hustler keeps on turning, and the only music is a discordant shrick, which is a cross between the Eolian murmur of a horsefiddle and the braying of a government jackass. Besides the above organs we have church organs, parlor organs, more hand organs, a lot of jewsharps, and about fourteen handred squeaky mouth organs. Now I'd like to know what Ottawa wants of a factory to make more organs.

On Monday night a dramatization of Stevenson's weird psychological novel "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' was placed on the Boards of the Boston Museum by Mr. Richard Mansfield. Of course, as all readers of that strange story know, the following of the original in a drama were impossible; but the motif of the drama is the idea of the dual mysterious monstrosity of the story, shorn of some of its horrors, which is supplemented by action sufficient to give interest and effect and perserve the unities, the last act witnessing, however, the agony of Jekyli who sees the permanent transformation into Hyde imminent, which accomplished, he falls dead. The piece is said to have met with much success on the opening night, "nothing more startling," the Herald says, "than the transformation from Hyde to Jekyll at the close of the third act, having even been witnessed on any stage."

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Dated at Ottawa, this 10th day of May, 1887.
JOHN J. CAREY. ATTEST: HENRY HELMIO, Administrator, Clerk Probate Court, La Salle Co., Ili. maylt-3w

On Farm Property. B. F. LINCOLN.

TO LOAN. RECTOR C. BITT.

Special Election.

Notice is hereby given, that a special election will be seld in the town of Ottawa, in the county of La Salle from Hustlerville," but the organ is sup- and state of Illinois, at Arthur Lockwood's office, on ported by the grimaces of the monkey, is the 21st day of May, a D. 1887, for the purpose of electturned by a crank, and its neighbors hold that office in said town, which election will be open at their ears to escape the noise as the crank eight o'clock in the morning and continue open until 7 o'clock in the afternoon of that day. Dated at Ottawa, this 2d day of May, A. D. 1887.

NOTICE.

AL MAIERHOFER,

Town Clerk.

ESTATE OF REZIN DEROLT, DECEASED.—Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the late Rezin DeBolt are requested to present them in writing at the house of Mrs. Elizabeth DeBolt, whose of Rezin DeBolt, deceased, on Tuesday, June 7th, 1857, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., for adjustment. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are also requested to be present at the same time and place, for adjustment.

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VIRGIL R. CONARD,
may14-3w Heirs of Rezin DeBolt, deceased.

A. J. WILLIAMSON.

Attorney at Lane.

NOTICE:, ESTATE OF LORENZO DOMINY, DEC D.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administratrix of the Estate of Lorenzo Dominy, late of the county of La Salle and state of Illinous deceased, will appear before the Probate Court of said county, on the third Monday the tight that and county, when and where all persons having claims or demands against said estate are notified to attend and present the same in writing for adjustment.

Dated this 5th day of May, A. D. 187.

SAHAH A. DOMIMY, May 14.

A. J. WILLIAMSON.

DUNCAN, O'CONOR & GILBERT,

Attorneys at Lase,

A DMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—

A By virtue of an order and decree of the Probate Court of La Salle county, Illinois, made on the petition of the undersigned, William Coyne, Administrator of the Estate of Catharine Coyne, deceased, for leave to sell the real extate of said deceased, at the April term, A. D. 1887. of said Court, to-wit, on the 11th day of May, 1887. I shall, on the 18th day of June next between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public sale, at the premises, in the city of La Salle, in said county, the real estate described as follows, to wit: Lots numbered two (2) and three (3), in Stuart's Subdivision of Six Acre Lot No. Ten (10), in the southeast quarter of section number ten (10), in township number thirty-three (38) north, range one (1) east of the third principal meridian, city of La Salle, in La Salle county. Illinois: on the following terms, to wit: Cash.

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Attorneys at Lose.

A DMINISTRATRIX'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—

A By virtue of an order and decree of the Probate Court of La Salle county, lilinois, made on the petition of the undersigned, Sarah Meintyre, Administratrix of the Estate of James Meintyre, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased, at the April term, a. b. 1887, of said court, to wit, on the 13th day of April, 1887, I shall, on the 16th day of June next, between the bours of ten o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public saie, at the premises, in the city of La Salle, in said county, the real estate described as follows, to wit: Let number seven (?), in block number ninety-seven (?), in block number ninety-seven (?), in block number also lot number eight (8), in block number filten (15), in La Salle Centre as laid out in twenty-acre lots number one (1) and two (2) in the south-mast quarter of section number sixteen (16), situate in said city, in La Salle county, Illinois, on the following terms, to wit: Cash. The said property to be sold subject to the dower interest of the undersigned, widow of James Meintyre, deceased.

Dated this 18th day of May, a. b. 1887.

SARAH McINTYRE,

Administratrix of the Estate of James mayli-iw Meintyre, deceased. DUNCAN. O'CONOR & GILBERT,

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